



BULLETIN

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Dear Members:

With this issue we welcome Douglas G. Lochhead, Librarian of Massey College, University of Toronto, as our new President. Professor Lochhead's experience and research in bibliography, and Canadian studies in general, assure us of able leadership for the next two years. He is well supported by a strong and capable executive, with Basil Stuart-Stubbs, Chief Librarian, University of British Columbia, as first vice-president, and Dr. Olga Bishop, Faculty of Library Science, University of Toronto, as second vice-president. Your new Council was voted into office at the twenty-ninth Annual Meeting, held in Winnipeg last June. The other Council members are now as follows:

Miss Marie Tremaine, Honorary President; Mrs. R. C. Jacobsen, Secretary-Treasurer; M. Jean-Rémi Brault, Associate Secretary, Mr. W. F. E. Morley, Past-President; Miss Suzanne F. Chaney, Miss Norma E. Freifield, Mr. Thomas B. Higginson, Miss Dorothy E. Ryder, M. Michel Thériault, Mr. William Watson; Miss Edith Firth, Editor, the Papers/Cahiers; and Professor H. Pearson Gundy, Chairman, Publications Committee.

The Annual Meeting was addressed by Mr. John Bovey, Provincial Archivist of Manitoba, whose title was "Sister Muses in the Canadian West: Clio, Euterpe, Melpomene and Thalia". His paper will be reported in full, as is our custom, in the next issue of the Society's Papers, in 1975.

The proofs of the 1973 volume of the Papers have been corrected and returned to the University of Toronto Press. It is hoped that this issue will be in our members' hands early in November.

Before our Annual Meeting, the justly-famous National Conference on the State of Canadian Bibliography/Conférence nationale sur l'état de la bibliographie au Canada met in Vancouver at the University of British Columbia, May 22-24, 1974. Over 200 bibliographers and experts in related fields gathered from all across Canada, with observers from abroad, along with representatives of various institutes, the Canada Council, and of course the Bibliographical Society of Canada/Société bibliographique du Canada. The occasion was more like a super annual meeting of the Society, with familiar faces everywhere, and many members delivering papers before the Conference. Professor Anne Piternick of the UBC School of Librarianship was Conference Organizer (assisted by William Watson, another BSC member), and UBC was the host. Funds were provided by

International Book Year and the Canada Council. This first conference of its kind had taken two years to plan, and the unprecedented assembly of specialists had each been invited to present, or hear and discuss, papers on the present state of Canadian bibliography, by region, subject, and format. And discuss everyone certainly did!

A full report of the Conference proceedings (which were recorded on tape), including the papers and resolutions, is to be published as soon as the text has been edited, but members will be particularly interested in the Conference Resolutions. In the limited space available here I also quote a number of the Recommendations which refer to the BSC:

Therefore be it resolved

- that this Conference urges the establishment of a National Advisory Council on Bibliographical Services for Canada;
- that membership of this Council be representative of libraries (including the National Library of Canada and the National Science Library), academic institutions and research organizations, and of societies who are concerned with bibliographic activities in the academic, professional and public sectors;
- that the major functions of the Council comprise:
 - identifying needs and assigning priorities for support of bibliographic activities, defined as the identification, description and dissemination of recorded information;
 - making recommendations for bibliographic activities to funding and controlling bodies;
 - assisting the co-ordination of bibliographic activities, in part by operating and maintaining a clearing-house for information on all bibliographic projects completed, in progress, or planned.

(The Resolutions were also issued in French, and please bear in mind that they are here given in their pre-edited form.)

Recommendation 4. That the Canada Council and the Bibliographical Society of Canada explore jointly methods by which the Council might support bibliographical endeavour and the publication of Canadian bibliographies.

Recommendation 17. That the Bibliographical Society of Canada be urged to establish such organization and procedure as will result in the complete indexing of retrospective newspapers and periodicals.

Recommendation 60. That the Bibliographical Society of Canada or a continuing Conference on Canadian Bibliography maintain a consultative body or register of bibliographers able to give aid to those embarking upon bibliographic or indexing projects.

(Other Recommendations concerning indexing appear under Indexing News, below.)

Already there have been exchanges between the Society and the Secretary of State, and others (including Professor Piternick) have been active in similar, and other, directions. We are hopeful that at least some of the brave Resolutions and sixty-odd Recommendations will eventually be adopted at the highest levels; certainly the very magnitude of the Conference, and of its forthcoming report, must have a profound effect on the future course of bibliography in Canada.

A limited number of copies of the Resolutions and Recommendations, in their preliminary form, are available on request to the first fifty members who feel that they are able to enter this Great Debate. Please write to the editor of this issue of the Bulletin.

Which brings me to the final point in this monologue: the editorship of this little journal. The Bulletin is intended to be an informal means of communication with members, of recent news of bibliographical interest. Members have requested such a medium of interchange, but so far it has not been issued as frequently as some members might wish. If you are one of these, then be advised that we need the services of a permanent editor. Our aims and purposes are outlined in the two previous issues of the Bulletin (May 1973 and February 1974). If you have the time and initiative to edit this 'clearing house', and in reward be the first to have all the Canadian bibliographical news, please advise the President of the Society. The future of this journal depends on you.

Personal

Recent assignments, lectures, appointments, other activities of members of general interest. (Or are bibliographers too modest for this column?)

Indexing News

Mr. PETER GREIG, Indexer to the Society, is now back in Canada (congratulations on the acceptance of your thesis by Leeds University, Peter!), and he may be addressed at 402 - 235 Bay Street, Ottawa. K1R 5Z2

KINGSTON (Ontario) PUBLIC LIBRARY is preparing an index of Kingston newspapers from their local beginning in 1810 up to (hopefully) 1867, with the aid of a LIP grant. The expiration of funds is presently slowing down the project.

Ms PAT MURRAY, Bibliographer, University of Windsor, is compiling an Index to Canadian Little Magazines, 1920-1970, with the help of a \$1700 grant. Further information not available.

Mr. RON HAZELGROVE, Kingston, Ontario, has just completed an Index to the 1878 Prince Edward & Hastings County Atlas (\$3.50, 211 Victoria Street, Kingston. K7L 3Y9), and is presently compiling an index to the Leeds & Grenville Atlas published by Mika Publishing Company in 1973. Mr. Hazelgrove has also compiled and published indexes to the Frontenac, Lennox & Addington Atlas (1973), Machar's Story of Old Kingston (1972), and Historic Kingston, vols. 1-20 (1973).

Mr. LAWRENCE R. COOPER, of Dora Hood's Book Room, Toronto, is working on a title index to Tod & Cordingley's A Check List of Canadian Imprints 1900-1925 (Ottawa, 1950). About 1000 entries have been completed up to the "Cra"'s (p. 85), so it will be a mammoth file at completion. Mr. Cooper hopes to extend the file later by indexing the Canadian Catalogue of Books, 1921-1949, and to amplify it from Watters' Checklist of Canadian Literature for the 1900-1950 period, from Dora Hood's Catalogues, and from other sources. No arrangements have yet been made for publishing this index.

Ms HILARY BATES of Memorial University Library has completed an index of the publications of the Ontario Historical Society up to 1972. Publication of the index is expected late in 1974. (Review copy and reviewer invited!)

(NOTE: Perhaps as a result of the list of review copies of bibliographies available, a record number of book reviews is being prepared for the next Papers. Thank you! But reviewers are always being sought; members are invited to identify themselves, and their special interests to William F. E. Morley.)

The National Conference on the State of Canadian Bibliography, mentioned earlier, produced several Recommendations on indexing, two of which follow (not necessarily in final edited form):

Recommendation 38. That the Federal Government be urged to improve the quality of the indexing in the 1970 Revised Statutes of Canada.

Recommendation 49. That Federal and Provincial agencies responsible for the publication of statutes and regulations be urged to consult with user groups in order to improve indexing.

Notae Bibliographicae

Dr. Guy Sylvestre, National Librarian of Canada, announced at the Canadian Library Association Annual Meeting in Winnipeg that the literature of the Prairie Provinces will soon be readily available in a compact and easy-to-use format. A grant made by the Devonian Group of Charitable Donations to the National Library of Canada is making possible the reproduction on microfiche of the thousands of titles in Bibliography of the Prairie Provinces by Bruce Peel, a past-president of the BSC. The author and title arrangement and the numeration used in the Bibliography will be adopted.

The Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy is to publish in November 1974, A Survey of Canadian Mining History by W. G. Richardson, a critical study which includes an annotated bibliography of the whole field.

A notice reporting the BSC Colloquium II, held last November in Toronto, was reported in the Papers of the Bibliographical Society of America (vol. 65, no. 21) at the instigation of Mr. R. C. Ellsworth, an active member of the BSC.

The Humanities Association Review will devote an issue in 1975 to the celebration of 500 years of printing in English, Caxton's Recuyell of the Historyes of Troye having appeared in 1476. Scholars in all aspects of printing in English, from the 15th century to the post-McLuhan period, have been invited to contribute to the volume. Potential contributors who have not been contacted should write to the Editor of the Review, Professor Phillip W. Rogers, John Watson Hall, Queen's University, Kingston. K7L 3N6. The Review is sent to all members of the Humanities Association of Canada, but copies of this special issue will be available to others at \$4.00, by reserving with the Business Manager, Ms. S. J. Wynne-Edwards, c/o Department of English, Queen's University.

Studying Nova Scotia by Professor Robert Vaison, Political Studies, Mount St. Vincent University, is a 123-page paperback bibliography of books, pamphlets, reports, journal articles, etc., relating to Nova Scotia's "social history and development, politics and economy". Copies are available for \$2.00 each, postpaid, from the University Bookstore, Mount St. Vincent University, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Necrology

BOYLE, Miss Gertrude M. Former long-time member of the Society, for many years the distinguished Head of the Cataloguing Department of Toronto Public Library, and the Editor of the Supplement of that library's famous Bibliography of Canadiana. In Toronto, 18 May 1974.

HILTON SMITH, R. D. Internationally known and respected antiquarian bookseller, president of Adelphi Book Shop Ltd., Victoria, B.C., 1956-1973, and former Deputy Chief Librarian of Toronto Public Library. Mr. Hilton Smith was the author of several books and articles, and had been an indefatigable worker for the establishment of the Canadian Library Association. In Victoria, B.C., 12 May 1974.

MACLEOD, Flora. Assistant Director, Calgary Public Library, till her resignation in 1970 because of ill health; she also held the positions of Head of Reference and Administrative Assistant to the Director. Miss Macleod served with distinction

on many provincial and national library and other associations, including the Canadian Library Association Council, and the Council of the Bibliographical Society of Canada. In Calgary, Alberta, 12 May 1974.

SINCLAIR, David. Former librarian at Victoria University, Toronto, who was working for his Ph.D. at the University of London, England. A brilliant scholar who had already achieved a reputation in Victorian literature, Canadian studies, and in Renaissance bibliography, his young life was full of promise. In Toronto, 12 June 1974.

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